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Another pedestrian hit, killed

TORONTO'S DEADLY STREETS

Man, 79, 500 metres from nearest crossing

Luke Simcoe
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A major suburban thoroughfare. A 60 km/h speed limit. A mid-block crossing. A life snuffed out.

It's an increasingly common refrain on city streets, and one that played out again Sunday night as a 79-year-old pedestrian was killed in Scarborough.

Coun. Jaye Robinson, who is heading up a revision of Toronto's road safety plan, is well aware of the problem. She pledged Monday to make sure the issue is addressed in the new plan, saying "mid-block crossings seem to be an ongoing theme" in pedestrian deaths.

But, Robinson noted, the city "can't put intersections every few metres." Any decisions that are made about new crossings will be "based on evidence and expertise," she said.

The 79-year-old — who police said was hit while crossing Sheppard Avenue East near Chichester Place at about 7:30 p.m. — marked the second pedestrian fatality this year. A 39-year-old man was killed while crossing Kennedy Road, south of Ellesmere, on Jan. 3.

In each case, the victim was crossing a major, fast-moving street mid-block. In each case, the closest controlled intersection was hundreds of metres away.

"It's the same thing, over and over," said Patrick Brown, a lawyer and pedestrian advocate in Toronto.

Brown expects people will "victim blame" the latest casualty for jaywalking but said it is incumbent on the city to make it convenient for pedestrians to cross safely.

The nearest controlled intersection to Sheppard and Chichester is at Pharmacy Avenue, some 500 metres away for where the crash happened, meaning simply crossing the street could require a one kilometre walk.

Last year was the worst year for fatalities on Toronto roads in over a decade. A total of 64 people died on our streets, including 38 pedestrians.

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The percentage of pedestrian fatalities in Ontario where the victim was hit mid-block.
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VAUGHAN

'Fake officer' charged

A Vaughan man has been arrested for impersonating a police officer after a female driver was pulled over for texting and driving by a man driving a grey Toyota SUV who claimed to be an officer last Friday.

According to York Regional Police, the incident occurred around 3:30 p.m., after a female driver noticed she was being followed by an SUV. The driver pulled up next to her in traffic on Dufferin Street near Steeles Avenue. He then rolled down a window and shone a flashlight into the woman's car.

The woman believed the man was wearing a police jacket and she rolled down her window, and he told her that he was a police officer, began yelling at her for texting and driving and threatened to give her a $500 ticket, York police say.

When traffic started moving, the woman drove off northbound.

During the interaction, a nearby officer from York Regional Police on a separate investigation saw a portion of what happened and felt it was suspicious. The officer was able to catch up with the woman who then told him what happened.

After investigation, YRP arrested and charged Steven Boan, 58, for impersonating a police officer on two separate occasions.

Boan is to appear in a Newmarket court Feb. 11.

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U of T looks to improve indigenous integration

EDUCATION

Committee considers language and history studies

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

The University of Toronto is looking to make changes in response to recommendations laid out by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

Options range from a new degree focused on indigenous languages, to making it mandatory for some students to study indigenous issues as they relate to their planned career.

The university has created a steering committee tasked with looking for ways to implement some of the commission's recommendations tied to education. No one has decided exactly what will happen, but weaving a stronger sense of indigenous identity into post-secondary education is crucial, said Jonathan Hamilton-Diabo, co-chair of the committee and director of Aboriginal Student Services at U of T's First Nations House.

Introductory courses on the Iroquoian and Ojibwe languages are already offered, but they are only electives — as are many other programs related to indigenous people.

The First Nations House, which includes a library, is among the aboriginal resources available at the University of Toronto. CONTRIBUTED

Hamilton-Diabo sees more of a focus on the courses as one of the key areas that could make a difference.

"Without the language, that really severely impacts the culture," he said.

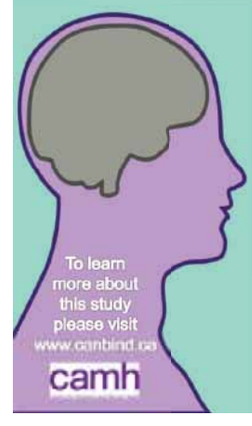
"It's not as if all aboriginal people have lost identity, but there have been a lot of issues because of the residential school system. This would give people an opportunity to get re-engaged and reflect on who they are as indigenous people."

The TRC report specifically mentions, among its 94 recommendations, the need for all medical students to study indigenous health issues, one of the options U of T will consider. Law students and social workers could also be required to study indigenous history and be educated on the impact of residential schools, Hamilton-Diabo said.

Enhanced indigenous programming will benefit everyone at the institution, he said.

"This kind of knowledge makes the university more accessible. People become more aware of the issues."

Biomarker Study for Depression



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CEO blames fiscal 'crisis' for 16 Goodwill closures

RETAIL

450 workers impacted as doors shut across Ontario

Goodwill's retail operations in the region have reached a fiscal crisis and the shutdown of local retail operations is unavoidable, says the charity's CEO in Toronto.

"I recognize this has all happened very suddenly and for those involved unfortunately that is the situation we are facing," said Keiko Nakamura, the top executive for Goodwill in Toronto and much of Ontario, during a Monday press conference.

The 80-year-old organization, which collects and resells donated clothes and goods, shut down 16 retail stores in the GTA, Barrie, Orillia and Brockville yesterday without warning. Nakamura said the charity relies on 85 per cent of its revenue from its retail operations, and that factors affecting the retail market have created a cash flow "crisis."

Nakamura apologized to customers and employees affected by the shutdown, but said that high rent and declining sales have made the organization drastically tighten its belt.

"I am thinking about you, I am doing everything I can to help bring clarity to the situation as soon as possible," she said.

In a Monday statement, the Canadian Airport Workers Union, which represents Goodwill retail workers, drivers and cashiers, said it had received no advance notice from the company of the lockout.

"The 450 workers are now suddenly without jobs, which is devastating on its own," said Artan Milaj, the union's vice-president. "But Goodwill stores also help a lot of low-income people with community programming and affordable shopping. We need to get these stores open and our members back on the job."

This is not the first time the organization has faced labour issues.

In 2014, the union successfully contested Goodwill's so-called Winter Strategy at the Ontario Labour Relations Board. The strategy sought to reduce the hours of full-time employees during slower winter months to "contain costs and operational losses during periods of slow sales and/or donation."

The union successfully argued that the company should temporarily lay off part-time workers before resorting to slashing full-time staff's hours.

Gurdeep Chahal, who worked as the store manager at Goodwill's Runnymede location from 2012 to 2014, said he felt he was treated well by the organization but that he noticed a series of management issues during his time there.

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A collector checks out the donated goods strewn about the parking lot outside the closed doors of the Goodwill drop-off centre on Richmond Street. DALE BRAZAO/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

> "There's a reason why this happened and it's very unfortunate for the people that worked there."
> Gurdeep Chahal

Pickers shop as donors drop

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Why not pick up a Sex and the City coffee-table book, the 1984 VHS tape of the Sports Illustrated swimsuit issue, or even a cute little teddy bear or two?

One day after Goodwill shocked its employees by shuttering stores without notice, donors kept dropping off goods outside the charity's locked doors and pickers were having a field day helping themselves to the donated, but abandoned, goods.

There was no one around at Goodwill's Richmond Street drop-off location Monday to either police or pick up the donations, which kept coming in unabated.

"You can't beat the price," said one man as he made off with an armful of clothes.

Dropped-off goods also lined the sidewalk outside the charity's store in Thorncliffe. Some pickers seemed reluctant at first to delve into the piles of discarded goods, unsure as to the legality of helping themselves.

However, some simply did not care. Books went fast. The bras, not so fast.

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PICK AND RUN

One entrepreneurial couple kept their car idling as they drove up inch by inch along the sidewalk, loading up their vehicle. They drove off with the back seat crammed with books and other merchandise.

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Sally Ann aims to ease shelter fears

HOMELESSNESS

Ward councillor says neighbours have 'no avenue' to stop project

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

Some people are concerned about a new homeless shelter proposed for this Leslieville neighbourhood. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

The Salvation Army is trying to calm concerns about its plan to open an 80-bed homeless shelter near Leslie and Lakeshore.

The men's shelter will have security cameras, and extra lighting will be added around the building. Staff would be present 24/7, and there's even talk of a fenced smoking area to add a buffer for neighbours, said Andrew Burditt, public-relations manager for the charity's central-east division.

The response comes after a Saturday information meeting that saw a host of people raise safety concerns. Others expressed frustration for not being consulted on the project.

Burditt called the concerns "legitimate" given the proximity to "families with children."

At the same time, he said, many people have "opinions" about people experiencing homelessness that are "based on stigma and not on actual reality."

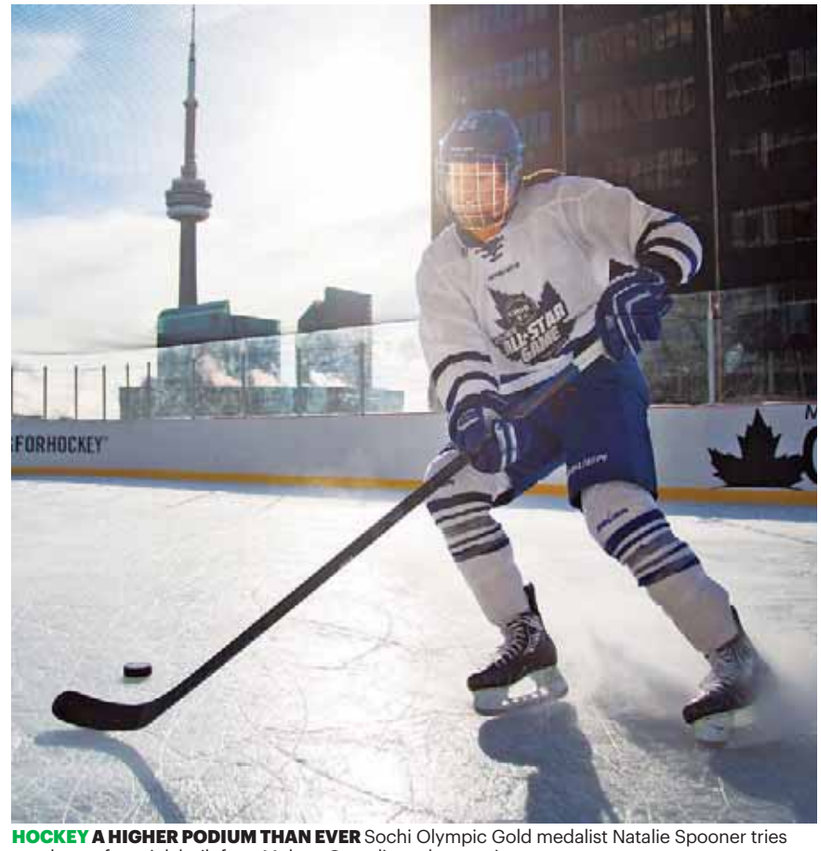
A report on the proposed shelter will be presented to council on Jan. 27, and the public will have a chance to comment. Council will vote in early February.

Ward 31 Coun. Mary-Margaret McMahon is optimistic the community will be accepting.

"There's no avenue to stop a shelter from coming in," she said, expressing hope the project will be operational before the end of the year. "Historically city council has never voted a shelter project down."

A NEW HOPE

The new facility would replace the Hope shelter, which closed in April after 40 years at College and McCaul streets.



HOCKEY A HIGHER PODIUM THAN EVER Sochi Olympic Gold medalist Natalie Spooner tries out the rooftop rink built for a Molson Canadian ad campaign. CHRIS SO/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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One of 5 simple ways to end the stigma around mental illness.

It's not always easy to know how to break the stigma associated with mental illness. Mental health experts suggest 5 easy ways you can help. Here's one way.

Listen and ask

Be wary of giving advice. People with a mental illness don't want to hear that they're "just going through a bad patch" or that they should remember they have a lot to be happy about. It's like telling someone with heart disease they need to snap out of it. Ask and listen to what they have to say about their illness.

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GO has no-standing zone signs where platforms are too narrow for two people. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Union Station to get safety tweaks

TRANSIT

Measures follow death of man dragged under train

Metrolinx is considering installing platform edge barriers and designated passenger loading zones at Union Station after a GO commuter walking along a narrow section of platform there was killed last spring.

The measures are among 16 safety and crowd-control measures recommended in the Union Station Platform Action Plan, posted on the Metrolinx website Monday.

It was written in response to the death of RBC employee Daniel Panacci, 31, who was dragged beneath a departing rush-hour train near a narrow passage beside an elevator on platform 11 of Canada's busiest transit hub.

The horrifying incident was witnessed by many GO customers and has raised questions about the safety and crowding on Union Station platforms.

"We believe (the platforms) are safe, but they can always be safer. Things can always be improved," said Metrolinx spokeswoman Anne Marie Aikins.

GO has posted no-standing zone signs where platforms are too narrow for two people to stand abreast without someone getting forced into the yellow strip at the edge of the train platforms. Many of the recommendations focus on making sure GO riders stay behind those yellow safety strips.

The action plan is the result of a safety audit of Union Station by provincial and federal rail officials and the American Public Transit Association, she said. Some of the recommendations, such as minor platform modifications and safety campaigns, are already complete or underway. Others will take more time, said Aikins.

The Union Station conditions are complicated by the building's heritage status that limits the modifications that can be made to the platforms and some other areas. But Metrolinx will talk to Parks Canada this year about easing some of the restrictions, she said.

But with 250,000 GO riders travelling through Union Station each day and GO expecting to electrify and add 50 per cent more service in the next five years, bigger numbers of embarking and departing riders could pose a challenge.

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PLATFORMS MAKING THEM SAFER

Recommendations for improving safety at Union Station:

- **Construction materials.** Prohibit storage on platforms
- **Platform doors.** Prop open during good weather
- **Yellow safety strips.** Temporarily paint on platforms when perforated plastic ones are removed
- **Increased and enhanced safety messages.** Include risks of phone distractions
- **Older train doors.** Upgrade so passengers can move between coaches.

COLLISION

Police hunt hit-and-run cabbie

Jessica Smith Cross
Metro | Toronto

Toronto police are searching for a taxi driver who hit a pedestrian Monday morning and then fled the scene with a passenger on board.

The cab hit a man at Jarvis and Shuter streets at 9:23 a.m., causing a minor knee injury, police said. The man was treated in hospital.

Police have information about the taxi and have spoken with the cab company he was driving for, said police spokesman Const. Clinton Stibbe. They declined to release the information publicly.

Failing to remain at the scene of a collision is a serious offence, said Stibbe, adding it was too early to say if charges would be laid in the case.

T.O. wants in on pot talks

LEGISLATION

Shops will grow 'like weeds,' some fear

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

Coun. Jim Karygiannis worries the proposed legalization of marijuana could lead to pot shops "growing like weeds" in Toronto neighbourhoods.

So, when newly minted MP — and former Toronto police chief — Bill Blair and the rest of the Liberal government decide how to regulate the drug, Karygiannis wants Toronto to have a seat at the table.

The Ward 39 councillor will move at city council for a municipal representative on the federal task force in charge of Canada's new pot laws.

"We want to have input right from the foundation," he said, adding he's heard reports of several unlicensed pot dispensaries across the city and is concerned they could become legal and operational in inappropriate places.

"I would want to make sure that they are not close to educational institutions," he said. "Kids going to school and people buying marijuana, the two don't mix."

At an appearance in Toronto last week, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said Canada's current system of prohibition has failed to prevent youth from accessing marijuana and promised to address the issue during the legalization process.

If Karygiannis's motion is approved, the city manager will write to the federal attorney general to request Toronto's inclusion in the marijuana task force.

A small-scale cannabis grow operation with a few plants for personal use in Toronto. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

CORRECTIONS

Extra money though strike didn't happen

Correctional managers in all of Ontario's jails and detention centres were paid thousands of dollars in overtime gearing up for and winding down from a strike — even though it never happened.

In the event of a threatened strike by jail guards, the government said correctional managers and other managers from across the public service would run the jails.

But even before the workers were in a legal strike position at 12:01 a.m. Jan. 10, managers were supervising inmates — the work of correctional officers — which the government said was due to "staffing shortages."

The Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services has not disclosed how many managers were doing that work, or for how many days before the strike date.

"Leading up to the strike deadline, managers were deployed to institutions as they experienced varying degrees of disruption in their operations," said Jonathan Rose, the director of communications for the minister.

"The arrival of managers at each institution varied depending on the circumstances but they were all less than a week."

The ministry originally said managers "were required to provide supervision of inmates in several institutions" before the strike date due to staffing shortages.

Rose later clarified that rather than several, it was actually all operational institutions.

The government has not said how much it paid in overtime, except to say the correctional managers received 2.5 times their salary for hours worked beyond a normal work week, and managers with no experience working with inmates received double their salary for overtime.

And even though a deal was reached Jan. 9, averting a strike, managers spent 24 hours a day in several jails.

They were earning overtime in the days beyond that deadline.

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AUTO INSURANCE

Wynne admits 15% rate cut a 'stretch'

Premier Kathleen Wynne says her government's target to cut auto insurance rates by 15 per cent by 2015 was a "stretch goal."

The Liberals promised to reduce car insurance premiums an average of 15 per cent by August 2015 as part of a deal to get NDP support for the 2013 budget when they were still a minority government. But August came and went with the government's target not even halfway met.

The latest numbers from the Financial Services Commission of Ontario, for the fourth quarter of 2015, show that approved rates decreased on average by 0.15 per cent, putting the decrease at an average of roughly seven per cent from 2013.

"We always knew it was a stretch goal," Wynne said Monday. "We always knew it was going to be a challenge and the good news is that insurance rates continue to come down."

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Kathleen Wynne FRANK GUNN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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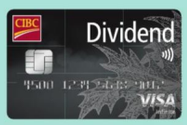

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‘I have no idea what we’ll do’

LEGISLATION

New child-care rules may keep preschooler, 3, out of day camp

At age 3, Samantha Fox is a summer camp veteran.

The Toronto preschooler has attended Bayview Glen Day Camp for the past two summers where she has enjoyed daily swimming lessons, outdoor sports and the thrill of roasting marshmallows outdoors.

“We absolutely love the program,” said her mother Sara Fox. “It’s been just a wonderful experience for her.”

But the mother of two was shocked last week when she got a letter from Bayview Glen informing her that summer camps now fall under Ontario’s new child care legislation and can no longer accept kids under age 4 without a daycare licence.

“Samantha’s been going to camp since she was 22 months old and now she’s got nowhere to go,” said Fox. “It just makes no sense, especially since she turns 4 at the end of August and will be starting kindergarten.”

The province introduced tighter child care legislation in the fall of 2014 to provide more safeguards for children in non-parental care, including in summer camps where there have been injuries, said a spokeswoman for Education Minister Liz Sandals.

“Younger children are a more vulnerable population and we want to do everything we can to keep all kids safe,” said Alessandra Fusco in an email. “Requiring a child care licence for camps in Ontario serving children under 4 ... places an emphasis on standards and protections.”

More than 43 day camps in Ontario — most in the Toronto area — serving about 3,000 children under age 4, are affected by the new legislation, said Heather Eagle of the Ontario Camps Association.

> **We hope something can be resolved by March.**
> Heather Eagle, Ontario Camps Association

“We have been negotiating with the ministry since last fall and we hope something can be resolved by March,” Eagle said.

Fox has her fingers crossed.

“If Samantha can’t go to camp this summer, I have no idea what we’ll do.”

Bayview Glen Day Camp has been serving children from age 2 to 14 since the program opened more than 50 years ago, said director Dara Kahane, who attended as a camper when she was 2.

About 450 staff care for about 1,200 campers who attend from two weeks to eight weeks over the summer, she said.

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Samantha Fox, then 2, is surrounded by counsellors at Bayview Glen Day Camp in Toronto in August 2015. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

COURT

Bosma trial jury selection underway

Jury selection began Monday at the trial of the accused killers of a Hamilton man whose body was found “burned beyond recognition.”

Tim Bosma left his home on May 6, 2013 to take two men for a test drive in his truck that he advertised for sale online.

Dellen Millard, of Toronto, and Mark Smich, from Oakville, Ont., are both charged with first-degree murder in Bosma’s death. Their lawyers said both will plead not guilty.

Potential jurors went before a judge Monday in the first phase of jury selection, which is expected to last two weeks.

Justice Andrew Goodman said the trial is set to begin Feb. 1 and is expected to last at least four months.

The case of the missing 32-year-old Hamilton man — who had a wife and a two-year-old daughter — and later the discovery of his remains, rocked his tight-knit Dutch community in rural Hamilton and made headlines across the country. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Thinking ahead to summer? **A plan to clean beaches daily is among the things that wouldn't be funded** as part of Mayor John Tory's proposal to balance the budget. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

Budget plan draws from city reserves

COUNCIL

Tory also asking for spending cuts from TTC, city agencies

Jessica Smith Cross
Metro | Toronto

Mayor John Tory is proposing tapping into reserves and asking police, the TTC and city staff to find nearly $20-million worth of combined savings to balance the 2016 budget.

Budget chief Gary Crawford introduced a series of motions Monday that reflect months of work with Tory on the spending plan. It includes raising property taxes by 1.3 per cent and funding about $28 million out of $67 million in new commitments politicians have made in the past year.

The plan leaves a gap of about $50 million between revenue and services. To close the gap, Tory and Crawford are recommending council ask for one-time payments from city agencies, worth $15.5 million, and pulling a combined $17.1 million from two reserve funds — money set aside to cover budget emergencies in public housing along with children and family services.

Belt-tightening measures across all city agencies and programs will also be needed to make the plan work. The TTC is being asked to cut $5 million and the police would have to trim $3 million. Other city departments and agencies will need to trim $11 million by freezing "discretionary spending," which includes business travel and consultant contracts.

Tory was not available for comment on Monday. Council will debate the proposal in coming weeks with the final budget expected to be approved next month.

The mayor's critics on council called the plan "unsustainable" because the money used to plug the budget gap this year won't be available again.

Coun. Mike Layton gave a blistering speech, taking Tory to task for borrowing in order to meet the city's budget every year.

He said many people thought they would be moving away from the "circus tent" of the Rob Ford years to the boardroom under Tory's leadership.

> "it looks like we've started lining up at the pay day loan shop."
> Coun. Mike Layton

"But sadly, with respect to our budgeting, it looks like we've started lining up at the pay day loan shop," Layton said.

Coun. Gord Perks warned the city will face a budget crisis next year.

"It just gets worse and worse and worse until services start falling apart," Perks said. "We will start to see cracks appear this year."

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PROPOSAL

Transit
The Toronto Transit Commission has approved almost $17 million in new spending, but the mayor is only on board with $1.8 million. A bus maintenance program, new express bus service, a safety initiative for employees doing work on subway tracks and an employee training program are out. Improved streetcar reliability and earlier Sunday subway service are in.

Housing
The mayor's task force on Toronto Community Housing would only get $5.4 million of the $13.7 million it requested to improve social housing. It will be spent, in part, on evening and weekend cleaning along with a program to handle hoarding incidents.

Nature
Parks and environment requested $11 million in funding for new programs but would only get $2.2 million. A wildlife centre, daily cleaning of swimming beaches and a proposed park ranger program are on the list of things that wouldn't be funded.

Poverty
The poverty reduction strategy for 2016 is funded under the mayor's plan.

Culture
$5 million in economic development/culture spending is included, including $10,000 for the creation of a photo laureate post.

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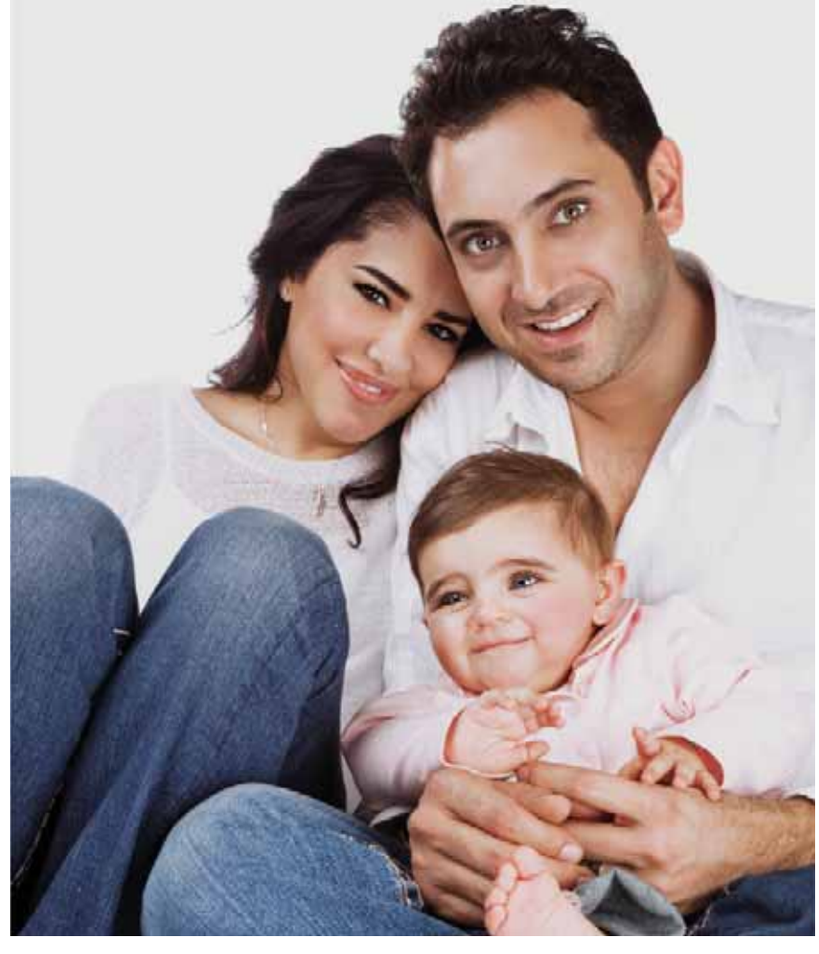

120-year-old's birthday wish

MILESTONE

One of oldest persons alive yearning to meet Trudeau

Cicilia Laurent is a woman who has lived in three centuries, from before the discovery of human flight to Haiti's devastating earthquake in the new millennium.

To mark her birth on Jan. 31, 1896 — something that, if verified, would make her the second-oldest person ever — Madame Laurent would like nothing more than to meet Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.

"Will he come see me?" she asked last weekend. "I would be so happy. Before I die I would be so happy to meet him. I'm waiting and you can let me know if it's going to happen."

If the Liberal leader's audience is anything like Torstar News Service's recent visit with her, she will offer Trudeau, his wife and children lots of prayers for their health and wealth. He will also undoubtedly be invited to recite scripture, following Laurent's devout evangelical lead.

1 Cicilia Laurent at home in Laval, Que. Born in Haiti on January 31, 1896, Cicilia will turn 120 years old this year. 2 Cicilia and her great-grandson, Christian. 3 A photo of Cicilia when she was a young 112 years old.

She will hold his hands, touch his face, laugh and share her contagious optimism in a tough-to-decipher Haitian Créole, translated into French by one of her children or grandchildren.

But one special request is certain. The woman who could pass for the matriarch of humanity would like special permission for her beloved grandsons in Haiti, Patrick and Joel, to come see her in Canada, possibly for the last time.

"You don't know how important they are for her," says Laurent's grandson, Ronald Cherri.

Laval, just north of Montreal, has been home for Laurent since shortly after the deadly 2010 earthquake In Haiti. All around her, she recalled, houses crumbled and were flattened. Many neighbours and friends died.

So who is Cicilia Laurent? According to a 2005 document provided to Torstar News Service that is known as a late declaration of birth, she was born 120 years ago on Jan. 31 to Erzulie Laurent in the village of Pestel, about 300 kilometres west of Port-au-Prince.

Cherri, her grandson, said Laurent gave birth to 12 children, six of whom survived childbirth. Three are still alive. Her eldest daughter, from a first marriage, died a few years ago at the age of about 96, Cherri said.

She says her secret is keeping an even keel, eating well and having faith in God.

But the proof of her extraordinary birth date is not solid enough for her to assume her title as the world's oldest living person, a crown currently worn by New York's Susannah Mushatt Jones, who has been verified by the Guinness World Records as being born on July 6, 1899, making her 116 years old. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

GOVERNMENT

'Infrastructure' to help economic challenges: Morneau

As bad economic news rattles nerves on stock markets and in the oil patch, the rookie Liberal government is determined to project a stay-the-course approach.

Finance Minister Bill Morneau said he recognized there are "challenges" but suggested, like Prime Minister Justin Trudeau did last week, that the Liberal election platform was crafted with a sluggish economy in mind. He did not directly answer when questioned as to whether anything at all had changed, given few foresaw oil prices at $29 a barrel, where it closed Friday.

The only concession Morneau made to any changed economic realities or forecasts was to suggest the government is casting about for infrastructure projects that will be more than simply patching roads, and to move those out more quickly.

"Our goal is to find the infrastructure projects that we believe will enhance the long-run productive capacity of the country." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

> "We should be taking this time to make investments in infrastructure."
> Bill Morneau

Sophie Gregoire-Trudeau
SCREENGRAB/YOUTUBE

OTTAWA

Sing us a song, Sophie

The audience for Martin Luther King Day at Ottawa City Hall got an unexpected bonus Monday when Sophie Gregoire-Trudeau offered an impromptu a cappella rendition of a song she wrote for her daughter.

The prime minister's wife was a guest speaker at the city's annual Martin Luther King Day event, but decided to go beyond simple remarks.

In a video clip posted on various media sites, Gregoire-Trudeau said she was inspired by singers earlier in the program and wanted to offer something of her own.

"It's not planned, trust me," she said.

"I am going to sing you a song that I wrote for my daughter Ella-Grace at a moment when I was going through a difficult time and where I remind myself of all the hope that there is in one's life and all the hope that there is in life."

She launched unaccompanied into the song, titled "Smile Back at Me." THE CANADIAN PRESS

SCIENCE

New NASA satellite to track rise of sea level

NASA has launched a satellite into orbit that it says will be able to measure the rise in sea level across 95 per cent of the Earth's ice-free oceans and help scientists predict extreme weather events linked to global warming.

The Jason-3 satellite was launched aboard a rocket in California on Sunday and it will be fully operational after a six-month testing phase, the U.S. space agency said in a statement.

Joining its predecessor, Jason-2, launched in 2008, the satellite will track the height of the sea level, the speed and direction of ocean currents and tides, and collect information about solar energy stored in the ocean.

They will help climate specialists forecast the strength of extreme weather events, such as tropical cyclones, NASA said.

Jason Thistlethwaite, an assistant professor of business and environment at the University of Waterloo in Ontario, said the rise in sea level is "the greatest physical and economic threat from climate change."

"Reducing our uncertainty around the impacts of sea-level rise and extreme ocean weather will go a long way to reducing our vulnerability to the economic and social impacts of extreme events on our coastlines," he said. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

A young girl wades in the water where a kitchen once stood, as rising sea levels push into the waters of Senegal's Saloum Delta. JANE HAHN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Germany: Sexual-assault suspect in custody

A 26-year-old Algerian man has become the first person arrested in connection with a string of sexual assaults during New Year's celebrations in Cologne that sparked a debate about Germany's ability to integrate migrants. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

French president declares economic emergency

French President Francois Hollande pledged Monday to redefine France's business model and declared "a state of economic and social emergency," unveiling a $2.2-billion US plan to catch up to the global economy. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BURKINA FASO

BUSINESSES REOPEN AMID BEEFED-UP SECURITY

A soldier stands guard outside the Splendid Hotel in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, on Monday. In the wake of a weekend attack that killed up to 32 people, security was increased across the capital city as businesses and banks reopened. The nation also announced a joint effort with neighboring Mali in the fight against Islamic extremists in the West African region. SUNDAY ALAMBA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

British parliament polarized on Trump

EUROPE

MPs slam U.S. presidential hopeful; most opposed to ban

Donald Trump doesn't have many fans in Britain's Parliament.

But a debate among lawmakers on calls to ban Trump from the country revealed little appetite to close Britain's doors to the provocative Republican U.S. presidential contender.

During a three-hour debate Monday, legislators from Britain's main parties stood to call Trump an attention-seeker, a demagogue and a fool. Many, though, argued that he should not be stifled or banned.

"While I think this man is crazy, while I think this man has no valid points to make, I will not be the one to silence his voice," said Conservative lawmaker Tom Tugendhat.

Parliament took up the topic after half a million people signed a petition calling for Trump to be excluded over his call for a temporary ban on Muslims entering the U.S. in the wake of extremist violence. Trump has also claimed that some areas of Britain are so radicalized that police fear for their lives.

> Donald Trump is a fool. He is free to be a fool. He is not free to be a dangerous fool on our shores.
>
> Jack Dromey, Labour Party member of parliament

Labour Party legislator Paul Flynn, who opened the session, said Trump had already received "far too much attention."

"The great danger by attacking this one man is that we can fix on him a halo of victimhood" and boost his popularity among supporters, Flynn said.

Prime Minister David Cameron has condemned Trump's remarks about Muslims as "divisive, stupid and wrong," but he and other senior officials have said they do not think Trump should be banned.

The government has the power to deny entry to people with criminal convictions or those whose presence is considered not "conducive to the public good." The power has been used against figures as diverse as boxer Mike Tyson, rapper Tyler the Creator, radical Muslim preachers and the late Christian fundamentalist Fred Phelps Sr. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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SURVEY

Millennials clueless on RRSP cash uses

Nearly a third of young Canadians admit they are "not at all knowledgeable" about retirement savings plans, according to a survey done for TD Bank.

The report also suggested that a large proportion of those aged 18 to 33 are uninformed about what registered retirement savings plans can and cannot be used for.

Only half knew that money in an RRSP could be used to help buy their first home, while just 28 per cent knew it could be used to help further their education later in life under the lifelong learning plan.

52%

The percentage of young Canadians who incorrectly believe money in an RRSP could be used to finance a car and half wrongly thought it could be used to help buy a second home.

The survey also found that 64 per cent were unaware that RRSP savings could not be used to make a charitable donation and 60 per cent mistakenly believed that they could be used to pay childcare expenses.

Linda MacKay, senior vice-president for personal savings and investing at TD Canada Trust, said that the earlier people start saving for retirement, the better off they will be."The interesting thing with millennials is they do prioritize retirement as important ... but often don't know how to get started or think their budget can accommodate it," she said.

MacKay said starting early, even if the amount is small, can make a difference.

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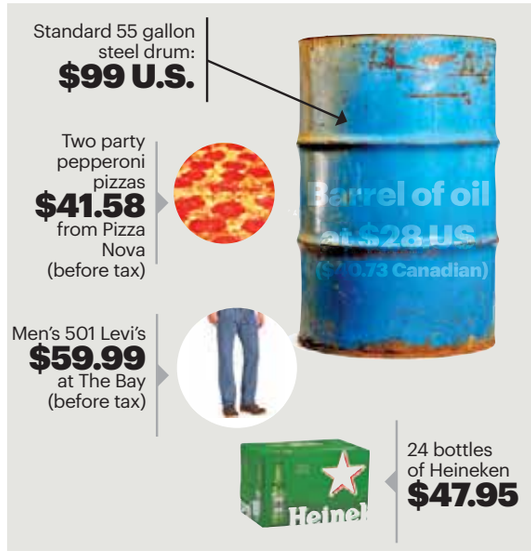
THINGS THAT COST MORE THAN OIL



Oil cheaper than beer

ENERGY

Crude at near 12-year low on fears Iran will open floodgate

Just how cheap is oil these days? Not only does a standard steel drum barrel cost more than three times the 42 gallons of crude that could go in it, the actual lid now costs more, too.

In fact lots of everyday items, from pizza to Levi's to a two-four cost more than 'black gold' these days, thanks to the tanking Brent crude price, which dipped below $28 US a barrel in London Monday.

Oil traded near 12-year lows after the lifting of international sanctions on Iran paved the way for increased supply amid a global glut, Bloomberg News reports. Iran is beginning efforts to boost output and exports by 500,000 barrels a day now that restrictions have ended, Amir Hossein Zamaninia, deputy oil minister for commerce and international affairs, said Sunday.

"Clearly, what is happening is that markets are continuing to be quite anxious about the possibility that we will see Iran bring back quite a bit of oil," said Bart Melek, the head of commodity strategy at TD Securities in Toronto. "This probably is a little quicker than people thought."

Avery Shenfeld, chief economist at CIBC World Markets, said that prices for raw materials are much more volatile than manufactured items, so when a commodity plunges the way oil has over the last year, the effect is far more pronounced. It's lost 21 per cent of its value this month alone.

"Oil has fallen a long way, so it makes sense" that it can now be compared to restaurant food and clothing, he said.

The veteran economist noted the price per barrel of crude was roughly comparable to everyday items in the '80s, too.

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IN BRIEF

BMO first to launch robo-adviser service

The Bank of Montreal has launched an online portfolio manager — the first of the big five banks to wade into the "robo-adviser" business. SmartFolio, is available to all investors starting Monday.

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THE BIG THING: THE WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM

Davos. Just the word evokes images of the world's biggest bigwigs, meeting on top of a secluded Swiss mountain, discussing the future of the world economy and comparing the sizes of their enormous piles of money. But the World Economic Forum is much more than that — and this year, Canada will be front and centre at the global gathering. It begins Wednesday.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

The World Economic Forum is an annual meeting of more than 40 heads of state and 2,500 business leaders and other movers and shakers — some of the richest and most influential people on earth.

It's often referred to as "Davos," the name of the small resort community where it's held.

Canada is making a point to have a strong showing at the conference in hopes of creating economic opportunities for the country.

The anti-capitalist protests and controversies that once surrounded Davos have eased.

The theme this year is about how digital technology is transforming every aspect of life — what some have termed the "Fourth Industrial Revolution."

Revolution redux
Attendees (Davos is invite-only, of course) have each been sent a copy of The Fourth Industrial Revolution by Klaus Schwab, the founder of the World Economic Forum. In his view, the first industrial revolution was the birth of water and steam power, the second was mass production and mass media and the third was the digital revolution. And in the fourth — the one we're in now — technology is being fused into almost everything in the physical, digital and biological worlds. How will the global economy react when "smart factories" replace jobs and vehicles start driving us to work? That's what world leaders and business giants are putting their heads together about. SOURCE: DON TAPSCOTT/ SPECIAL TO TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Calming down about capitalism
Massive crowds of anti-globalization protesters were once as common a sight at Davos as conservatively cut suits. In the 1990s and early 2000s, hundreds of thousands of people marched in Switzerland and cities around the world to draw attention to the social and environmental costs of the global free market. In 2003, fuelled in part by anger about the escalating Iraq war, demonstrations descended into riots in the Swiss city of Bern. In recent years the crowds have dwindled to a few hundred — and they aren't allowed anywhere near the conference.

THE BIG NUMBER

5

That's the number of cabinet ministers who will accompany Prime Minister Justin Trudeau to Davos this year. This move is seen by many as a way to showcase Canada's economy to the rest of the world at a time when one of its most lucrative industries — oil — is taking a nosedive steeper than any alpine peak.

ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

metroview

Porn's lost its power to shock. That could save some money.

The ubiquity of online pornography has spawned an ironic turn of events.

To explain, take the case of the Barriere & District Chamber of Commerce, which found its website had become a porn hub earlier this month.

The chamber, set in a tourism and alfalfa-growing town of less than 2,000 in B.C.'s southern interior, had let the domain name barrierechamber.com lapse. It was then snapped up by Al Perkins, an apparent domain-name scalper who lives on an island off the coast of Normandy and looks for lapsed domains to exploit. He leased the domain to PornoLaba and asked for a reported $9,700 from the chamber to get it back ("It's just pure business," he told the National Post). Otherwise, it would be all gagging, fantasy and college porn, all the time.

But the chamber, after a rejected $500 counter-offer, did not die of shame. It just started another website.

So did White Rock realtor Jacqollyne Tomsin, when she found that her website had turned into a home page for "Rude Space – the adults playground." According to a Peace Arch News report in 2013, Tomsin wouldn't give Perkins the $1,000 he requested.

What this says to me is that Internet-pranksterdom and graphic online porn are now so common, we expect home buyers in White Rock or businesses in Barriere to understand if they click a link and up pops a spanking fetish.

"Ah, just some more unwanted online pornography clickbait," they'll say.

According to estimates from the researchers behind A Billion Wicked Thoughts, a book about online sexuality and neuroscience, porn accounts for about four per cent of websites and 13 per cent of web searches.

And while buying up lapsed domains is a legitimate business, the strong-arm porn tactics for selling domains back to their original owners are looking increasingly weak.

Not only is porn's power to shock diminishing, it's also losing its aura as an untouchable force on the internet.

In a first in Canada, Manitobans can now sue people who distribute nude photos of them online against their will, under new legislation targeting child pornography and revenge porn that took effect yesterday. Many U.S. states also have revenge porn laws. The rest of the country would do well to follow suit.

There's no need to feel held hostage by an opportunist with erotic tastes, and there's no reason to deny victims exploited via porno sites their due justice. Porn might be ubiquitous, but we're not helpless.

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EXERCISE

Use a staircase to loosen up those hips

Learn how to make peace with your pelvis using a do-it-anywhere exercise called the Hippy Hangout. This movement multi-tasker is as efficient as it is effective. It liberates your hip flexors on one side, while bolstering the outer hip muscles on the other side.

1. Holding onto a wall or railing for support, stand sideways on a flight of stairs with one foot on a tread and the other foot dangling in space.

2. Taking care to level your hips, imagine your dangling leg attaches to your body just underneath the bottom ribs, rather than at the hip. Relax the leg and let it hang heavy.

3. Begin to passively sway the leg without using any real muscular effort. The movement should be slow and pendulous as if you were wearing a clog made of gold.

4. Hang out with gravity for 30 seconds, or until the outer hip of the standing leg fatigues.

5. Step down and feel the difference between your legs as you take a few exploratory steps.

6. Repeat on the other side.

Use the Hippy Hangout to improve pelvis stability, eradicate hip and low back pain and access your happy place.

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Stretch your yoga practice into daily life

DID YOU KNOW?

Reference Library gets overhaul

The Toronto Reference Library, where this move was photographed, is the biggest public reference library in Canada. Opened in 1977, the five-storey building features a curving atrium that offers plenty of natural light and ventilation. Architect Raymond Moriyama was influenced by the hanging garden of Babylon and he used bands of mirrored glass to suggest an inner world within. The library recently completed a revitalization project led by Moriyama & Teshima Architects.

ON THE GO

Work your core

This is a "tune-up" exercise to strengthen your core that you can do anywhere, even on public transit.

1. Sit or stand with good posture.

2. Inhale deeply to swell belly and chest. Retain the breath inside.

3. Against the resistance of the held breath, engage and pack in your core muscles to hug your spine from every possible angle. It'll feel like a blood pressure cuff tightening around your torso. If you feel your chest, belly, waist and low back with your hands, the tissues will be taut below the soft stuff at the surface. Fake a cough to engage the muscles further. This is your Totally Tubular Core.

4. Without releasing the awareness or muscular engagement, exhale and continue to breathe normally. Find the balance between full breaths and the cylindrical cushioning and support offered your spine.

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RESEARCH

Heart attacks deadly for those living on 15th floor or above

The high risks of living in a highrise

Cardiac arrests happen most often at home. Researchers knew that.

What they didn't know, until now, is this: If your home is a highrise, the higher your floor, the lower your chance of survival.

A new study published Monday in the Canadian Medical Association Journal examined five years of health data from the City of Toronto and Peel Regions — selected because of high population density.

Specifically, researchers wanted to see what effect "vertical delay" played on life and death when someone called 911 to report a cardiac arrest.

Can floor level actually determine a person's likelihood of survival?

The short, conclusive and alarming answer is yes.

Researchers examined nearly 8,000 cases of cardiac arrest between 2007 and 2012. Survival was 4.2 per cent for those living on the first or second floor.

They found those who lived between the third and 15th floors had a 2.6 per cent chance of surviving to hospital discharge.

Survival was "negligible" — less than one per cent — for those living on floor 15 or above.

There were 30 residents in the data that went into cardiac arrest on the 25th floor or above.

"They all died," said Dr. Laurie Morrison, a scientist at St. Michael's Hospital and one of the study's authors.

Researchers studied the data to see if there were any particularly "toxic neighbourhoods" where residents were more likely to die of cardiac arrest. But there were no conclusions to be drawn from geographic or socioeconomic factors.

"It doesn't matter whether you're poor, middle class or high class, it's just the vertical that makes a difference," said Morrison, who is also director of Rescu — a group that studies out-of-hospital emergency health care.

When first responders arrive at a condo or apartment building, access barriers can delay the amount of time it takes them to reach a patient.

In some cases, the building is inaccessible from the outside or an elevator is unavailable.

Typically, there is no defibrillation device on scene to allow a bystander to help restart the resident's heart before emergency crews arrive.

Survival rates decrease seven to 10 per cent with every one-minute delay to defibrillation.

THE NUMBERS

There were 30 residents in the data who went into cardiac arrest on the 25th floor or above. They all died, the study author said.

"As more highrise buildings are built, in response to the demand for affordable condominium and rental properties," the study noted, "the negative impact on community survival may increase."

The study suggests a few interventions that may increase survival rates in highrise buildings.

Fire departments have a universal access key that gives them sole and immediate access to elevators but paramedics do not.

Expanding this access to paramedics, who may be first on scene, should be an easy fix, researchers say.

"Availability of a universal key seems like a simple intervention but it has remained unaddressed for decades," the study reported.

The study also calls on landlords, property management companies and condo boards to consider purchasing automated external defibrillators for their buildings and training staff in their use.

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Pinning hopes on new ways to a new you

Time of year, promises we make to ourselves about health and lifestyle changes are either furiously alive or dead on arrival. It helps to find support online. Here's what Pinterest stats reveal about the latest diet, recipe and workout trends.

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BY THE NUMBERS

↓70%

The big crash in crash diets

For the first time, the site is seeing pinners ditch crash diets. Overall, pins related to crash diets were down 70 per cent in 2015 over the year before.

↓40%

Low-carb recipes dropped like hot potatoes

Pins of low-carb recipes have decreased by 40 per cent since last January.

↓32%

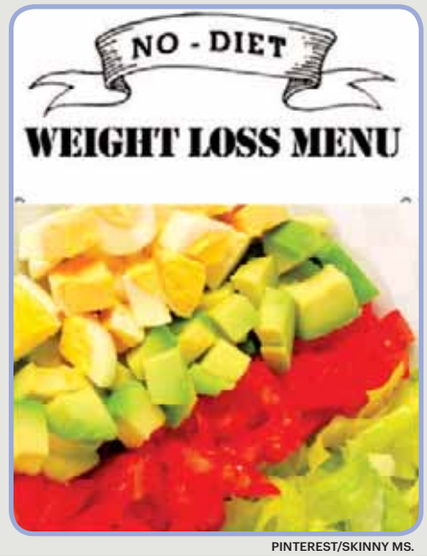
Pinning less faith on Paleo

Paleo diet pins were down 32 per cent, according to data supplied by Pinterest.

A MORE BALANCED APPROACH

In a little corner of the world we like to call Pinterest, resolution-makers have lit up with ways to declutter, eat healthier and de-stress.

"Over the last five years, we've seen the growth of more than 100 million special diet pins on Pinterest," offers Christine Schirmer, a spokeswoman for the site. "But in 2016, we see top health and fitness pins focus on a more balanced approach to well-being, including meditation, bullet journaling and minimalism."



PINTEREST/SKINNY MS.

↑83%

Hourglass workouts

Since Christmas, pins for "hourglass workout," a full-body approach hell bent on lean, sexy curves, increased 83 per cent.

PINTEREST/VOGUE

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Bullet journals

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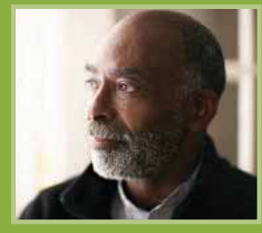

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JOHANNA SCHNELLER WHAT I'M WATCHING

A heartbreaking, poetic farewell

THE SHOW: Truly, Madly, Deeply (YouTube)
THE MOMENT: The poem scene

Alan Rickman delivered one of the most aching goodbyes in cinema. CONTRIBUTED

Jamie (Alan Rickman) died, but his widow Nina (Juliet Stevenson) mourned him so abjectly that he returned. Gradually he showed her that living with a ghost wasn't living. Now he's saying goodbye.

"How's your Spanish?" he asks her. "There's a poem I want you to translate." He begins to recite Pablo Neruda's The Dead Woman. She translates aloud.

"Forgive me, if you are not living," she says. Recognition dawns in her eyes: "I know this poem," she says.

He keeps reciting, she keeps translating. "If you, beloved, my love, if you have died/All the leaves will fall in my breast/ My feet will want to march to where you are sleeping." Here she interjects, "Your accent's terrible." She moves to him. "My feet will want to march to where you are sleeping," she repeats, her eyes locked on his. "But I shall go on living."

"Do you want me to go?" he asks. "No!" she cries. "Never, never." They embrace.

After Rickman died last week, I called up this scene from his 1990 film, one of the most achingly romantic goodbyes in moviedom. Only someone as clever — and probably British — as the late writer/director Anthony Minghella could base a throat-tightening farewell around poem translation (leavening it perfectly with that accent crack). And only Rickman, with his delicious languor and panther-purr voice, could pull it off so swoonily.

Contained emotion was a Rickman specialty, but here he lets it spill over, giving us permission to weep with him. And for him. Rest in peace.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.

MAKING A MURDERER

Filmmakers talk trial by media

Laura Ricciardi (left) and Moira Demos (right) with Iris Ng (centre) on the set of Making A Murderer. NETFLIX/CONTRIBUTED

The filmmakers behind Netflix's Making a Murderer say they expected a backlash that would lead people in the media to demonize Steven Avery, the Wisconsin man whose prosecution in the 2005 death of a woman formed the centerpiece of the 10-part series.

Laura Ricciardi and Moira Demos, at a news conference on Sunday, sought to deflect discussion on the question of Avery's guilt or innocence and instead pointed to questions raised about the criminal justice system in their film.

Making a Murderer has followed the NPR podcast Serial and HBO's The Jinx as a compellingly told true crime epic, leading many people who have seen it to take up the cause of Avery, who served 18 years in prison following a wrongful conviction of rape and two years after his release was charged in the death of photographer Teresa Halbach. The documentary questions whether Avery was treated fairly.

Yet prosecutors — who the filmmakers say declined their request to participate in Making a Murderer — have claimed the film omits physical evidence against Avery. A former fiancee of Avery's, Jodi Stachowski, told HLN this week that Avery was "a monster" who had threatened to kill her.

"The media are demonizing this man in order to prove his guilt," Ricciardi said.

They said, however, that they expected a strong reaction. Although they said they were filmmakers, not prosecutors, they said they tried their best to reflect all of the facts in the case. Previously, they told Stephen Colbert on CBS' Late Show earlier this month that they believed he was not guilty. Ricciardi said she would not want to be treated by the criminal justice system the way Avery was.

"We did not consider this advocacy journalism in the least," Demos said. "We are not taking sides. We don't have a stake in his character, in his innocence or guilt. That was not the question that we were raising."

She said that "if you watch the series, I think it's clear that the American criminal justice system has some serious problems and that it is urgent that we address them."

Avery has recently filed an appeal of his conviction.

"We are ready to follow if there are significant developments and we are looking at other stories, as well," Demos said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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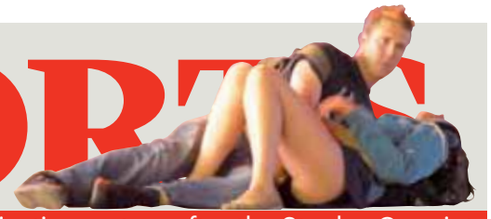

The B.C. government reports a cost of almost $5 million to process hundreds through the justice system after the Stanley Cup riot

Raptors cut down Nets

Raptors forward James Johnson attacks the basket against Nets centre Brook Lopez on Monday night at Air Canada Centre. RON TURENNE/NBAE VIA GETTY IMAGES

NBA

Lowry and DeRozan top 30-point mark

Kyle Lowry poured in 31 points while DeMar DeRozan added 30 to lift the Toronto Raptors to their fifth straight win Monday, a 112-100 victory over the beleaguered Brooklyn Nets.

It was a fitting performance by the duo on a night announcers reminded fans to vote the Raptors into next month's NBA all-star game in Toronto.

DeRozan's big game came hours after he was named one of 30 finalists for the U.S. Olympic team.

Terrence Ross added 12 for Toronto (26-15), while Patrick Patterson finished with 12.

Brook Lopez topped the Nets (11-31) with 29 points, while Joe Johnson added 22.

MONDAY At ACC

RAPTORS	NETS
112	100

The Raptors were playing their first of seven games at home, finally back after an 11-day road trip that culminated with a 106-103 overtime win versus Orlando at London last Thursday.

Toronto's win streak started with a 91-74 win at Brooklyn on June 6. Since then, the struggling Nets fired coach Lionel Hollins and reassigned general manager Billy King. Assistant Tony Brown is serving as the interim head coach, and the team remains without a GM.

But the Raptors never led by more than nine points, and trailed 84-81 heading into the fourth quarter. A thrilling 10-0 Raptors run that Lowry capped by draining a three-pointer with 3:34 to play finally gave Toronto some breathing room, and a 108-98 lead.

The Raptors would stretch their advantage to 14 points, and in the final minute coach Dwane Casey subbed his starters out of the game to a loud ovation.

Monday was Martin Luther King Day in the U.S., and both teams wore "MLK" in honour of the civil rights activist.

"As a young boy growing up in small-town rural Kentucky, I've seen far more than I needed to see and experience as far as segregation and discrimination," Casey said. "I think the NBA has done a great job of recognizing (what King's work meant for the league), and making sure that stays in the forefront, because I wouldn't be standing right here right now if it wasn't for him." THE CANADIAN PRESS

NEW KING IN TOWN Stephen Curry, left, of the Warriors steals the ball from the Cavaliers' LeBron James as Andre Iguodala defends on Monday night in Cleveland. Curry scored 35 points and the Warriors won a laugher, 132-98. TONY DEJAK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Toronto FC acquires all-star goalkeeper

Toronto FC has acquired goalkeeper Clint Irwin from the Colorado Rapids in a trade.

The 26-year-old Irwin, an all-star last season, has started 87 games with 25 shutouts over the last three seasons for the Rapids.

Toronto gave up its highest third-round pick in the 2016 MLS SuperDraft, a conditional 2017 first-rounder and targeted allocation money.

Toronto has been without a veteran keeper since December when it elected not to pick up the options on Chris Konopka and Joe Bendik. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Hall and Oilers beat up on limping Panthers

Taylor Hall snapped a scoring drought with two goals, Cam Talbot stopped 30 shots and the Edmonton Oilers added to Florida's slide by beating the Panthers 4-2 on Monday night.

Teddy Purcell had a goal and two assists for Edmonton, which led 3-0 after two periods and then withstood a Florida rally in the final 20 minutes. Jordan Eberle also scored for the Oilers.

Hall, who also had an assist, scored just one goal in his previous 14 games.

Reilly Smith and Quinton Howden scored early in the third period for Florida, which has dropped four straight since winning 12 in a row. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Leicester is more than a mirage

PREMIER LEAGUE

Fierce Foxes a far cry from relegation fodder of past

A bet that could see former England great Gary Lineker on TV in his underwear is not a normal wager.

But how brave, or foolish, was the former Leicester striker to say he would host the first BBC Match of the Day next season in his underpants if his old club won the Premier League?

The naked truth is that Lineker could be heading for an embarrassing Saturday night.

After narrowly avoiding relegation at the end of last season, Leicester hired a new manager in 64-year-old Claudio Ranieri, a popular coach with a wealth of experience but a dearth of silverware. Add the modest transfers, and it's not surprising the team was firmly marked down as a prime candidate for the drop.

Instead, Leicester has spent weeks at the top of the world's richest league, and only a goal difference of three is currently keeping the club in second place below Arsenal. If not for a missed penalty in Saturday's draw at Aston Villa, the Foxes could well be two points clear.

Can they keep this going and create one of the biggest shocks in English football?

The simple answer is "yes."

The arguments against them are predictable and well-rehearsed. Leicester has no real Premier League pedigree, no top-money players and no prospect of big-name signings.

And in 30 years as a coach, Ranieri's trophy cabinet is certainly not cluttered. An Italian Cup in 1996 from his time with Fiorentina and the 1999 Copa del Rey with Valencia pretty much fills it.

Leicester great Gary Lineker GETTY IMAGES

> "It's unbelievable. It's fantastic and our fans are dreaming."
> Claudio Ranieri

After narrowly avoiding relegation last season, Riyad Mahrez, left, Jamie Vardy, and Leicester City are looking down at the rest of the Premier League to start 2016. MICHAEL REGAN/GETTY IMAGES

However, none of this fazes a well-drilled Leicester side that is enjoying its football free of expectations.

And that's just the point. Leicester has none of the pressure that's now ratcheting up on Arsenal, Manchester City and Manchester United as we head toward the business end of the season.

And a team that plays without fear is a dangerous opponent.

Leicester showed no fear when it hosted champion Chelsea, beating the Blues 2-1. The millionaire players of both Manchester clubs have been held to draws, and fourth-place Tottenham was beaten at White Hart Lane. Among the title contenders, only Arsenal has inflicted a defeat on Leicester.

On a pure footballing level, Leicester is good enough to win the league.

Arsenal, City and United fans found it amusing when "little Leicester" — Ranieri's words — went to the top of the Premier League on Nov. 21 after 13 games.

Nine matches and two months later, they're not laughing any more. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DIVISION TABLE

	GP	W-D-L	Pts.
Arsenal	22	13-5-4	44
Leicester	22	12-8-2	44
Man. City	22	13-4-5	43
Tottenham	22	10-9-3	39
Man. United	22	10-7-5	37
West Ham	22	9-8-5	35
Stoke City	22	9-6-7	33
Crys. Palace	22	9-4-9	31
Liverpool	22	8-7-7	31
S'hampton	22	8-6-8	30
Everton	22	6-11-5	29
Watford	22	8-5-9	29
West Brom	22	7-6-9	27
Chelsea	22	6-7-9	25
B'mouth	22	6-6-10	24
Norwich	22	6-5-11	23
Swansea	22	5-7-10	22
Newcastle	22	5-6-11	21
Sunderland	22	5-3-14	18
Aston Villa	22	2-6-14	12

Champions League
Europa League
Relegation

MATCH-FIXING REPORTS

Federer taking names at Aussie Open

Roger Federer has heard enough speculation about match-fixing in tennis and if players are suspected of corruption, he wants names.

Federer was responding to reports by BBC and BuzzFeed News published Monday that tennis authorities have suppressed evidence of match-fixing and overlooked suspected cases involving players ranked in the top 50, including Grand Slam singles and doubles winners.

The reports said none of these players had faced sanctions and more than half would be playing at this year's Australian Open, which started Monday. The players weren't identified by name.

"I would love to hear names," Federer said after beating Nikoloz Basilashvili of Georgia 6-2, 6-1, 6-2. "Then at least it's concrete and you can actually debate about it. Was it the player? Was it the support team? Who was it? Was it before? Was it a doubles player, a singles player? Which Slam?"

Roger Federer GETTY IMAGES

ATP chairman Chris Kermode appeared at a news conference to reject the assertion that match-fixing had gone unchecked in the sport, saying the Tennis Integrity Unit remained "constantly vigilant and not complacent" when it comes to tackling corruption.

> "So how high up does it go? The higher it goes, the more surprised I would be."
> Roger Federer on reports of match-fixing in tennis

The BBC and BuzzFeed allegations were based on files they reported had been leaked "from inside the sport" showing evidence of suspected match-fixing orchestrated by gambling syndicates in Russia and Italy that had been uncovered during an ATP investigation of a 2007 match in Sopot, Poland, involving suspiciously high levels of betting.

According to the reports, the ATP investigation widened to uncover a network of other players suspected of match-fixing, but officials didn't follow up on the cases. Since then, the reports said, the ATP has repeatedly been warned by bookmakers, foreign police and other investigators about many of the same players, but hasn't taken any action against them. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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IN BRIEF

Raonic, Bouchard start Aussie Open with wins

Canadian Milos Raonic followed up his victory at the Brisbane International with a clinical, 6-1, 6-4, 6-4 first-round win over Lucas Pouille on Tuesday at the Australian Open.

Raonic is aiming to improve on his run to the quarter-finals here last year. On Monday Eugenie Bouchard continued her injury comeback with a straight-sets win over Serbia's Aleksandra Krunic, 6-3, 6-4. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Chargers, Rams start talks on stadium collaboration

The Los Angeles Rams and San Diego Chargers have held their first meeting to discuss sharing a stadium that is under construction in Inglewood, Calif.

The teams released a joint statement Monday saying they had held the first negotiating session as the Chargers look to possibly become the second team in the Los Angeles area.

The Chargers have a one-year option to reach a lease agreement and become a tenant of the stadium whose construction is being headed by Rams owner Stan Kroenke. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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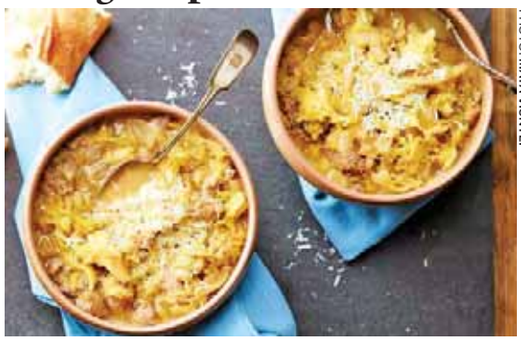

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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

This hearty soup tastes like it took hours to simmer away even though it comes together in half an hour.

Ready in
Prep time: 10 minutes
Total time: 30 minutes
Serves 4

Ingredients
- 2 Tbsp olive oil
- 3 links of Italian sausage, sliced into bite-sized pieces
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 onion, diced
- 1/2 savoy or green cabbage (about 4 or 5 cups), sliced very thinly
- 15 oz can cannellini beans
- 1 litre low-sodium chicken stock
- 2 bay leaves
- 1 Tbsp fresh thyme
- Pepper to taste
- 1/2 cup Parmesan cheese, grated

Directions
1. Pour olive oil into a large pot or Dutch oven over medium heat. Add the sausages to the pot and allow them to brown all over. Remove from the pot and set aside on a clean plate.
2. Add onions and garlic to the pot and cook them just until they begin to soften. Toss in the cabbage and stir it around for a couple of minutes.
3. Add the beans, stock, bay leaves and thyme. Return the sausage to the pot and allow everything to come to a simmer. Cook for 20 minutes and check seasoning.
4. Serve with a sprinkling of Parmesan.

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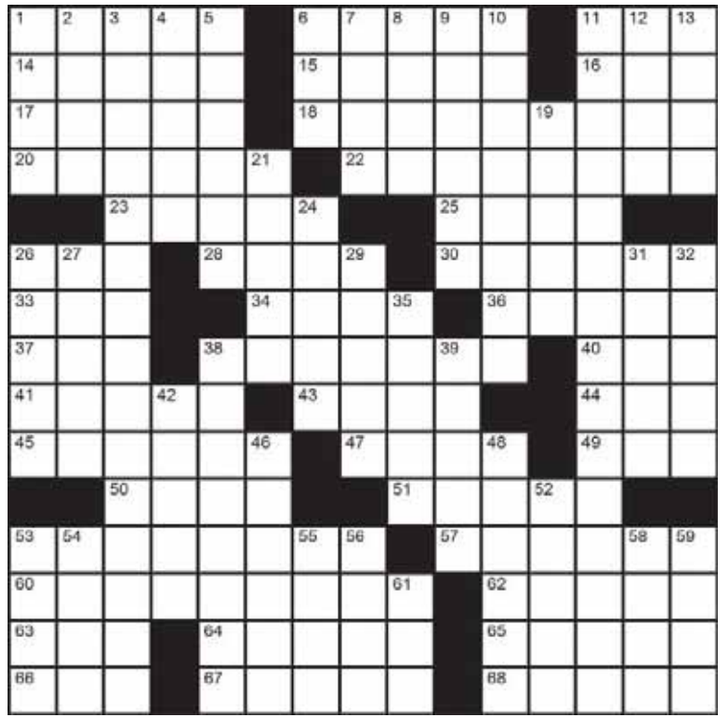

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15. Gawk
16. Singleton
17. Update a route
18. Director of "Rose-Marie" (1936) in which Nelson Eddy plays a Mountie, _._. _ _ (b.1889 - d.1943)
20. Atomic Number 68
22. Country route: 2 wds.
23. Prefix with 'continental'
25. Skrillex/Diplo/Justin Bieber: "Where _ _ Now"
26. She-bird
28. Unappealing food
30. "A-_, A-Tasket"
33. Hour: Italian
34. Jail money
36. Belonging to Sicily's volcano
37. Scoundrel
38. Gulf of St. Lawrence explorer Mr. Cartier
40. Lab eggs
41. R.E.M. singer Michael
43. Sweeties
44. Esthero's "_ _ in Need of a Musical Revolution"
45. James _ (Scotty's Canadian portrayer on "Star Trek")
47. Prefix meaning 'Outer'
49. #22-Across' answer has 2
50. El _ (Warm ocean current)
51. Journalist Seymour
53. It lets you know who phoned without picking up the phone: 2 wds.
57. Based on the 1884 novel by Helen Hunt Jackson, this 1910 short stars Canadian actress Mary Pickford in the title role
60. _-_ house
62. Ancient water nymph
63. Tape a TV show [abbr.]
64. Archaeological finds in Egypt
65. Cemetery excavation
66. 'S' in NYSE, shortened
67. Internet message
68. TV awards

DOWN
1. Maintenance
2. Top-notcher
3. Gym-goer's item for keeping gear secure: 2 wds.
4. Railroad sight
5. Enters data
6. Compass dir.
7. After mil. combat affliction
8. Mr. Shankar
9. Mount _ (Biblical peak for Noah)
10. Aristocracies
11. When responding to the officer... Card a celebrity might play to avoid a traffic ticket: 6 wds.
12. Jimmy Durante song: "_ Dinka Doo"
13. Require
19. Clothed, archaically
21. Peach _ (Type of dessert)
24. Big bug, briefly
26. _ _'oeuvre
27. Lyre-playing Muse
29. Stir, as curiosity
31. Having a roof overhang
32. Crowned heads, once
35. Sandwich time
38. Ms. MacDonald (Leading lady in #18-Across)
39. Compound in perfume
42. Mr. Collins'
46. We can't book you in, inn-style: 2 wds.
48. Grapefruit's pal
52. Feigned flattery
53. Midpoints [abbr.]
54. Use _ _ cloth... (Cleaning instruction)
55. "_ la Douce" (1963)
56. Ms. Mazar
58. Sailors service
59. Fruity drinks
61. Fashionable monogram

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
No matter how ambitious and active you may be there are only 24 hours in a day and if you want to do more in one direction in the future you will have to do less in another.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
This is a good time to make plans — and promise yourself that this time you will succeed. If you know what you want and believe in yourself there is precious little you cannot accomplish.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Do something positive. Cosmic activity will raise your spirits and make you believe that anything is possible. But while the planets may set the scene, it's up to you to play the part.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
You will find it easy to make the kind of difficult decisions that most people prefer to avoid. But you possess not just the ability to identify a problem but also the strength do something about it.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Take other people's opinions into account. If you make a genuine effort to cooperate, rather than to compete as you usually do, there is no telling how far you can go.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You have to be sensible about what you do and how you do it. Focus on the two or three things that mean the most to you and put everything else on hold for a while.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
The Sun moves into the most dynamic area of your chart tomorrow. You'll accomplish more if you have a clear goal. Aim to do what others say cannot be done.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
The longer you leave what has to be done the harder it will be to summon up the energy to get started. Also, pay attention to what partners and loved ones try to tell you today. Don't be too proud to act on their advice.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Your luck will take a turn for the better, not least because your attitude is becoming more positive. If you enjoy meeting new people you will be in your element.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Over the past few weeks you've had a lot of ideas and started many new projects, but if you want to be successful you must focus your energies in a single direction.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
The next few days mark not just the start of a new solar year for you but also the beginning of a major new phase. Forget everything that has gone before. The only thing that matters is what comes next.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
If there is something you need to finish then get it done today, because when the Sun changes signs tomorrow your mind will be onto other things.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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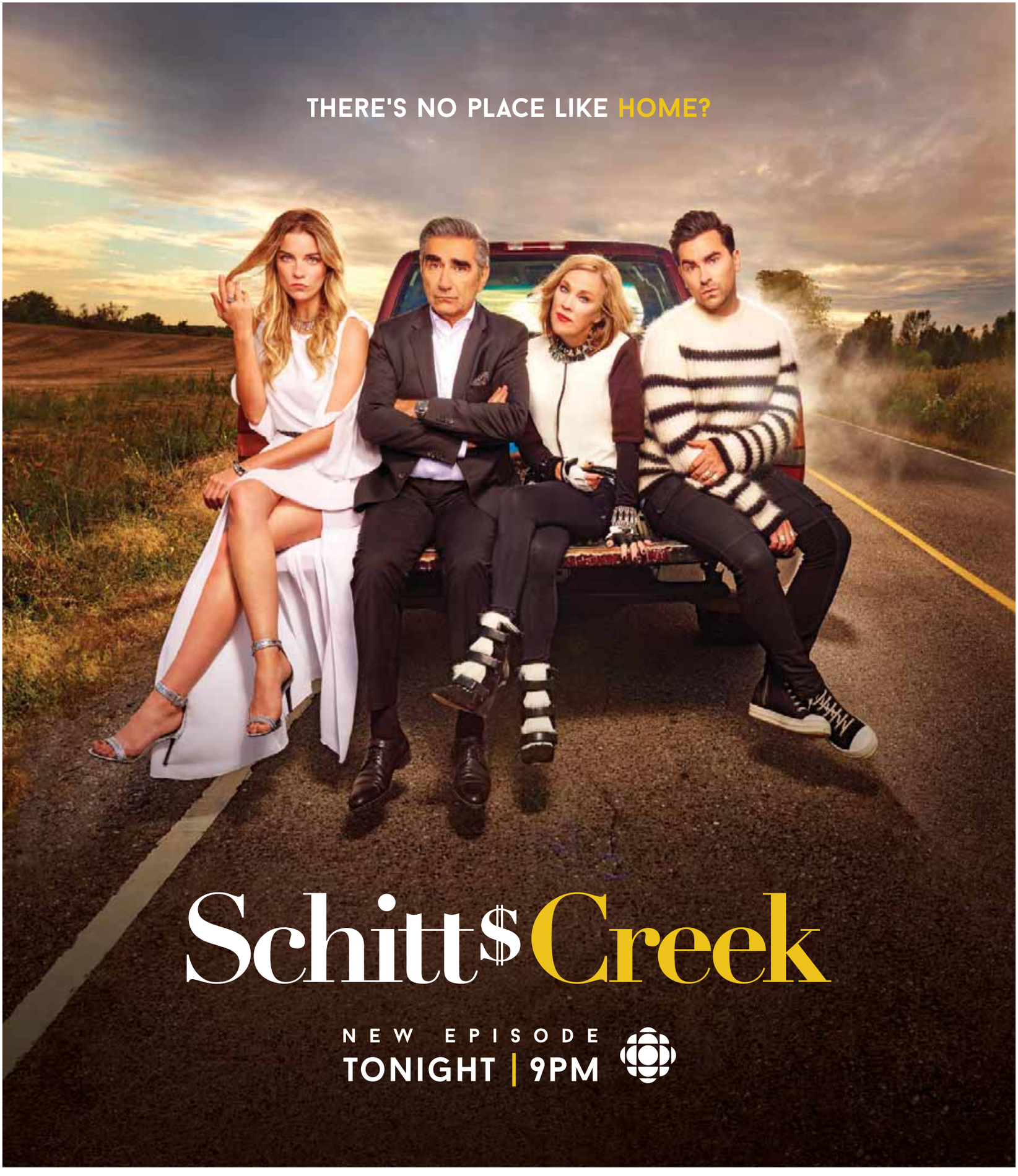
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